Inclusion of Tai-Ahom in ST List

4647. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam has recommended to the Centre for the inclusion of the Tai-Ahom Community in the Scheduled Tribe List;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken so far on the recommendations of the State Government;

(c) whether Government are aware that the Tai-Ahom Community is the largest community in Assam who ruled Assam for long six hundred years and the recommendation of the State Government, if at all do not reflect the general opinion of the community; and

(d) whether the recommendations of the State Government will be scrapped and rejected by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) As per the report of Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes Tai-Ahom community reigned in Assam for about six hundred years. The recommendation of the State Government for its inclusion in Scheduled Tribe list of Assam will be considered strictly in accordance with the prescribed criteria.

National Institute of Social Defence, New Delhi

4648. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to gear up the activities of the National Institute of Social Defence, New Delhi as an instrument for the formulation of comprehensive strategy towards social defence covering not only offenders but also those who live in conditions that generate criminality; and

(b) the research activities/studies conducted by the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The steps taken by the Government to gear up the activities of the National Institute of Social Defence in this regard include:—

(i) increasing the number of training courses and reorienting the course content,

(ii) linking its training and research programmes to the newly emerging areas of social defence,

(iii) initiating action for the construction of a fnctional building in Dwarka, New Delhi.

(b) The Institute brings out their regular quarterly journal for the last 25 years called 'Social Defence'. The journal reflects the work done by the Institute in collecting statistical data in the field of prison services, probation services, juvenile justice, anti-beggary programmes and prevention of immoral traffic. It also contains independent research work done by its stff. The Institute has recently prepared a 300-page book on the research studies on 31 cities and 2 border areas, reported as particulary vulnerable to drug-abuse. The Institute has been closely associated with the implementation of the recommendations of the All India Jail Manual Committee and work relating to the All India Committee on Jail Reforms. It has also been rendering technical advice on matters relating to Inter-national Organisations in the field of the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders. It has also played a role in working out a national level scheme in the field of drug abuse prevention.

Rehabilitation of eunuchs

4649. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAM:

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to gainfully employ the eunuchs in the country;